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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Palmetto of Richland County, LLC for a Certificate that the Acquisition of the City of Columbia Sewer Collection System Serving Portions of Unincorporated Richland County is in the Public Interest and for Establishment of a Service Area and Rates and Charges
Docket No. 2012-273-S

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above-docketed matter and supports Commission approval of Palmetto of Richland County, LLC's ("PRC's") application to acquire 11,370 sewer customers of the City of Columbia and a portion of the City's wastewater distribution system for certain portions of unincorporated Richland County and for establishment of a service area and rates and charges. The rates and charges proposed by PRC in its application are the rates currently charged by the City.

ORS notes that there are no protestants and the sole intervener, Mr. Lawrence, has withdrawn his intervention.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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